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Hey Friends!

Merry Christmas, and welcome to my newsletter! I am honored and excited to share an exciting update about my journey with Cadence International. As a quick refresher and for those who may have forgotten, I was in high school when my father rejoined the military as a chaplain, and we were promptly stationed overseas in Spain. It was there I first encountered Cadence International through Nate and Louise Johnson and their incredible family. Throughout my time in Spain, the Johnsons and other Cadence staff disciplined me and ultimately helped me answer the call to ministry. The love and intentionality of these people set me on the path I am still walking to this day.



Nate Johnson and I following my appointment as a Cadence missionary.

Some of you may remember that while I was in college, during the summer of 2021, I did an internship with Cadence in California with the Johnson family. That summer, Nate poured into my life and became a spiritual father to me. This experience gave me a greater understanding of Cadence's unique ministry model and ignited a passion in me to serve those who serve our country through Jesus-centered hospitality. After graduating from Liberty University in May 2023 with a BS in Youth Ministry and spending some time out on my own, I am excited to finally join the mission of Cadence and share the gospel and my life with the military community.

NEXT STEPS

Part of the application process to be accepted into Cadence involves attending Candidacy. Applicants who have been interviewed and approved for the next phase are invited out for a week to Cadence Headquarters for the last rounds

of interviews, evaluations, and possible appointments to the mission. I attended Candidacy in October of this year, resulting in some friendships and connections that I hope will last a long time! While there, I met five other individuals hoping to be appointed, three of whom also attended Liberty. It is safe to say that all six of us quickly grew close and became fast friends, and I am very excited to see how God uses us in ministry alongside the rest of Cadence staff. During this time, I was once again able to reconnect with Nate and Louise. Nate was part of the committee to select individuals for appointment, which was a special honor.

Now that Candidacy is over and all six of us who were appointed have returned to our homes, we will begin the next and final phase before we can reach the field: partnership development. In order to embark on the calling that God has placed on my life, I need other people on

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my team; I need YOU on my team. I need to raise about \$10,000 in monthly support to be fully funded. This amount will cover my salary, health insurance, and all necessary ministry expenses. In addition to the monthly support, I need to raise about \$15,000 to cover all of my initial costs and moving expenses.

As of right now, the location where I will be ministering has not yet been determined. However, the beauty of Cadence is that it is not about a specific location but a particular people group who happen to be all over the world—military personnel and their families. I will find out where I am being sent once I am close to being fully funded. I would like to reach this goal by the end of 2025. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, you can send a check to Cadence (information below) or give online at Cadence.org/McCraney.

I humbly ask that you keep me in your prayers as I begin this last phase and that you prayerfully consider if God is leading you to invest in the ministry and mission of Cadence through me. If you want to keep up with me and my adventures, I have a Facebook group called “The McCraney Ministry Team,” where I will post updates about my progress and ministry. Additionally, I will send information soon about an email list I plan to create and use for sending updates. Also, I would love to hear from you! If you have any questions about Cadence, me, or my ministry, or if you have any prayer requests that I can join you in praying for, please do not hesitate to email me at Ethan.McCraney@Cadence.org. Thank you so much, and may God bless you all this Christmas season!

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